

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, line 24 - page 8, line 12, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph which includes markings to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version:

In a multi-ply embodiment, such as shown in FIGs. 1-5C, 8-8B, and 10, selected portions of the first ply 100 are joined, directly or indirectly, to the second ply 200 to inhibit wet extension of the first ply in the plane of the first ply. In FIG. 1, selected portions of the first ply 100 are joined to the second ply 200 to provide bonded regions 110 and unbonded regions 114. In FIG. 1, the bonded regions 110 comprise a continuous network of intersecting lines forming generally diamond-shaped unbonded regions 114. In FIGs. 8 and 8B, the bonded regions 110 comprise a pattern of linear stripes forming therebetween unbonded regions 114. The article 20 has minimum caliper regions 115 (or, simply, minimum caliper 115) and maximum caliper regions 116 (or, simply, maximum caliper 116 ~~115~~), as best shown in FIGs. 8A and 10. The minimum caliper 115 is coincident the bonded regions 110 of the article 20. The maximum caliper 116 extends intermediate the bonded regions 110.